

Merciful like the Father

Jubilee path of Mercy at the Basilique du Sacré-Coeur de Montmartre

4th step

With the saints of yesterday and today, let us become artisans of mercy

Saint Marguerite-Marie Chapel: the works of mercy and the intercession of the saints

“Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the bandits' hands?”

He replied, 'The one who showed pity towards him.' Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'”

(Luke 10:36-37)

“It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. And let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God’s mercy. Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples.”

(Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus*, 15)

- **The corporal works of mercy:**

to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead.

- **The spiritual works of mercy:**

to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead.

We commit to performing an act of mercy that we record on a “works of mercy note” that we will deposit in the Cup of Mercy before the Lord, after passing through the Door of Mercy.

In our commitment to perform these acts of mercy, we confide in the intercession of the saints of Mercy, particularly those that have come before us in pilgrimage to Montmartre, in order that they may help us to place our footsteps in their footsteps.

“Our prayer also extends to the saints and blessed ones who made divine mercy their mission in life.”

(Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus*, 24)

Litanies of the saints of mercy

With Saint Denis, who gave his life out of love to announce to our fathers the good news of Salvation,

Lord, we pray to you

With Saint Marguerite-Marie, who contemplated the Heart of Christ burning with love for all men,

Lord, we pray to you

With Saint Vincent de Paul, tireless apostle of charity among the poorest and the most neglected,

Lord, we pray to you

With Saint Louis Martin, witness of the tenderness of God in family life,

Lord, we pray to you

With Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, who offered herself with confidence to the merciful Love of God,

Lord, we pray to you

With the blessed Charles de Foucauld, who received the mercy of Jesus and shined forth his tenderness through the least of his brothers,

Lord, we pray to you

With Saint Faustine Kowalska, who was called to enter into the depths of divine mercy,

Lord, we pray to you

With Saint John XXIII, artisan of peace and of reconciliation among men,

Lord, we pray to you

With Saint John-Paul II, apostle of the divine mercy for the Church of the new millennium,

Lord, we pray to you.